

PATENT 649-753P

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For:

NOISE REDUCTION APPARATUS AND AUDIO

**OUTPUT APPARATUS** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

September 18, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## **AMENDMENTS**

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A noise <u>reduction</u> apparatus comprising:

a noise detector [ion means for] detecting a noise included in a demodulated audio signal;

a first corrector [ion means for] outputting a correction signal for correcting the noise according to a signal value existing just before and just after a predetermined period including

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